

# last orders



## Diary dates + upcoming events /

**Sir John Gilbert: Art and Imagination in the Victorian Age** / 29 April-29 August / Guildhall Art Gallery / [www.cityoflondon.gov.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk)

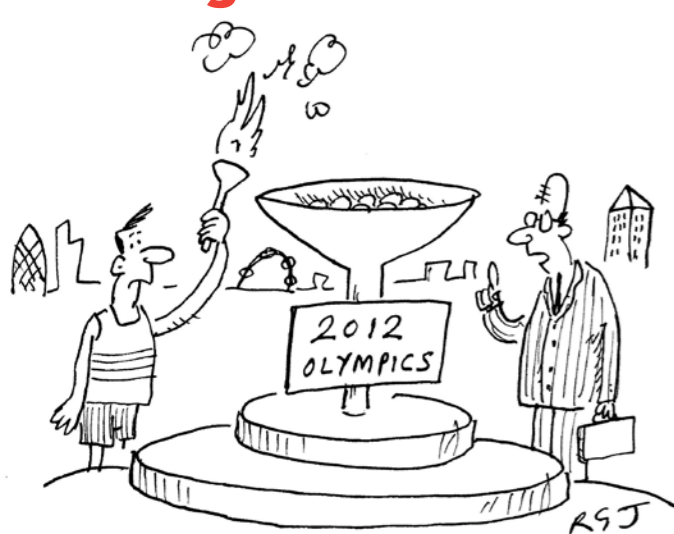
**Community Partnership Meeting (North Area Bishopsgate)** / 4 May, 3pm / Pritchard Englefield, 14 New Street, EC2M 4HE / [www.cityoflondon.police.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk)

**City Chorus 90th birthday season (open evening)** / 10 May, from 6pm / NatWest Building, 1 Princes Street. EC2R 8BP / [www.londoncitychorus.com](http://www.londoncitychorus.com)

**Tudor Pull** / 15 May, starts 10.30am at Hampton Court Palace finishing at Tower of London in afternoon at 4.30pm / Tower of London, EC3N 4AB / [www.traditionalrowing.com](http://www.traditionalrowing.com)

**Community Partnership Meeting (West Area)** / 1 June, 1pm / MVB Business Exchange, 107-111 Fleet Street, EC4A 2AB / [www.cityoflondon.police.uk](http://www.cityoflondon.police.uk)

## bar laughs



"You'll have to put that out... London's a non-smoking city"

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## The Final Word

**Ron Parker**  
bartalk Editor

**I was pleased to see such a good turnout at the Safety Thirst awards ceremony on 15th February. Along with some of our regular applicants there were also a number of licensees who had entered for the first time. Welcome to our new members.**

We've been very busy through these uncertain times and having read the inside pages you will understand that we are faced with several challenges which could affect the continuation of Safety Thirst and this newsletter. Like many organisations we have to



reduce our expenditure, which may result in substantial cuts. No decisions have been made yet and the review is underway. Finally, I'm sorry to say that this is my last edition of BarTalk as I will be retiring from the City of London Police on 27 March. I have had an enjoyable time preparing and editing this newsletter from Issue 1 up to this present edition No. 10. I hope you consider that it has been a worthwhile approach to information sharing? Best wishes for the future, Ron.

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**Jemma Armstrong & Ron Parker**  
Safer City Partnership

**The City's well-run licensed premises have once again been honoured for their contributions to maintaining the City as one of the safest places to socialise.**

### Useful Contact No's:

Anti-social Behaviour outside licensed premises – City of London Police //020 7601 2222

Litter, vomit, urination on city streets – City of London Cleansing Services //0800 389 5908

Information on Licence reviews – City of London Licensing Team //020 7332 3406

In a ceremony at the Guildhall on 15th February, four premises were given Highly Commended status, demonstrating that they have gone above and beyond in their efforts to provide a safe and comfortable environment for their patrons. These premises were the Kings Arms on Wormwood Street, Hennessey's on Jewry Street, the Windsor Fenchurch on New London Street and the Hoop and Grapes on Farringdon Street. All of these premises have been active supporters of Safety Thirst for a number of years. Additionally 32 premises received Commendations and 73 premises received Accreditation.

Premises are rigorously assessed on the work they do to keep their patrons safe,

covering topics such as crime prevention, fire safety, drugs and alcohol awareness and environmental health. Each successful premises receives a certificate and stickers to display proudly in their pub, club, bar or restaurant. This year saw 116 applications come in from premises across the City, including loyal members of the scheme and newcomers keen to demonstrate their worthiness. Only a few didn't quite make the grade and were turned down by the assessment panel, but all applicants were given individual tips as to how they could make improvements in the coming year. Continued inside...



Above: Highly Commended winners being presented with their certificates by the Chairman of the Police Committee; Hennessey's, The Hoop and Grapes, Windsor Fenchurch and The Kings Arms.

### Safety Thirst 2011 Highly Commended premises:

// **The Kings Arms / 27 Wormwood Street / EC2M 2ET**

// **Hennessey's / 36 Jewry Street / EC3N 2ET**

// **Windsor Fenchurch / 2 New London Street / EC3R 7NA**

// **The Hoop and Grapes / 80 Farringdon Street / EC4A 4BL**

**Well Done /**  
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This year's ceremony saw Mr. Ian Harrison, Head of Resilience and Community Safety, City of London, act as Master of Ceremonies for the first time. Ian has a strong City background having previously served with the City Police as Divisional Commander at Snow Hill. The ceremony was opened by the new Commissioner of the City of London Police, Adrian Leppard, who in his opening speech said 'I understand that the City is undoubtedly a unique place in which to work,

live and play. I've been trying to do all three since arriving and have been particularly impressed by the variety and quality of licensed premises in the city, aside from some excellent dining venues I've found some fantastic and historic pubs where I can get a great pint of real ale'.

Commissioner Leppard then informed the audience that there had been a steady decline in all alcohol related offences in the City and that undoubtedly the objectives of Safety Thirst have helped to support the overall aim of reducing crime and disorder.

The Accreditation presentations were made by Assistant Town Clerk, Simon Murrells and the Commended by Commissioner Leppard, who also made a special presentation to PCSO Graham Willis recognising his work in encouraging licensees to take part this year. The MC then thanked PC Ron Parker, Safety Thirst Administrator, for organising the Safety Thirst scheme over the last five years and wished him a happy retirement.

The ceremony concluded with Mr Simon Duckworth CC, Chairman of the Police Committee, presenting the

Highly Commended certificates and making the closing remarks before encouraging the attendees to enjoy the refreshments and meet with fellow licensees and officers involved in Safety Thirst.

Remember, if you see the Safety Thirst logo, you are in good hands.



Main image:

PCSO Graham Willis receiving a Certificate of Achievement from the Commissioner, recognising the work he put into promoting the Safety Thirst scheme and encouraging licensees to apply.

Other images:

Guests and Safety Thirst Assessment Officers enjoy some refreshments.

# Preparing for 2012

**The new City of London Police Licensing Inspector, Rita Thomas is asking for Licensed premises to support their local police service in preparations for the Olympics, which will be here very quickly!**

The City Police are preparing for the increased amount of through traffic, both pedestrian and vehicular, and are interested to know what events you may be planning. Being so close to the Olympic stadium, it is only reasonable to expect that visitors will increase and people will want to enjoy the City as a safe

environment in which to eat, drink and stay both before, during and after the events. They are already aware that a number of venues have been approached about bookings for corporate events, and hotel rooms are already being booked up, but please keep the information coming in.

The route of both the male and female Olympic and Paralympic marathon will be coming through the City on 5 and 12 August 2012 which again will attract many spectators.

The more information you can provide, and the earlier

you provide it, will assist greatly in helping your local police service plan the resources required during this very busy period.

If you have any information please contact Inspector Thomas and her team via email on **LicensingOffice@cityoflondon.police.uk** and she looks forward to meeting as many of you as possible in the next couple of months.

# Community Toilet Scheme



**Terry Chown**  
Waste & Amenity Planning Manager, City of London

**The City of London recently launched its Community Toilet Scheme (CTS). 11 businesses have already signed up to the scheme and we are currently looking to recruit more members.**

The aim of the City's CTS is to improve the provision of toilet facilities available to the public by working in partnership with local businesses that are prepared to contribute to the community.

Unlike some authorities the City does not intend to

use community toilets as an excuse to close its own staffed public toilets. This scheme is designed to supplement the City's facilities.

In exchange for providing members of the public with free access to clean safe toilets the City will pay a fee to participating businesses.

Businesses often allow people to use their toilets without necessarily buying anything, so the fee can be looked upon as a bonus. Also, businesses still retain the right to refuse admission in exceptional circumstances.

Members of CTS schemes successfully operating in other local authorities report that people using their toilets often do make a purchase and therefore takings increase as a result of membership.

In addition to advertising the scheme and creating publicity material such as location maps, leaflets, etc. the City will have a dedicated area on its own website giving

full details of participating businesses. All this free advertising coupled with free window signage encourages more potential customers into members' businesses.

For further information on the CTS or to apply for membership please email **toilets@cityoflondon.gov.uk**



Look out for this sticker in participating businesses

## Round-up

### Safety Thirst update

Please note that due to a substantial reduction in our funding, a position in which many organisations are finding themselves, we are having to review all the initiatives undertaken and financed by the Safer City Partnership. There is a distinct possibility that this review will impact on several priority areas and the Night Time Economy will not be excluded from this process. Unfortunately this could have a major effect on the Safety Thirst initiative, BarTalk newsletter and our very successful marshalled taxi rank on Liverpool Street. During this review all our initiatives will be examined so that a fair balance is achieved over all priority areas. We are always grateful to hear from any businesses who might wish to help sponsor our initiatives in exchange for branding and promotional opportunities to ensure that the great work we have all done in partnership over the last few years is able to continue.

If you require any further information once the review has been completed please contact: **safercity@cityoflondon.gov.uk**

### Your Kindness Could Kill

As you travel around the City of London you may come into contact with street beggars requesting money. A number of organisations including the City of London, Safer City Partnership, City of London Police, Metropolitan Police, Broadway, Thames Reach and other London Boroughs are working in partnership to reduce the number of people begging. The money you give may actually keep them there and in most cases could be helping them to buy drugs that could kill them. If you do wish to give money please do so responsibly and support the local charities instead.

For further advice please visit: **www.broadwaylondon.org** or **www.thamesreach.org.uk**